

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Amended) A lifting toilet chair, comprising:

a base frame including an upstanding framework having a generally rectangular horizontal open space at its upper end defined by peripheral members;

at least one support member overlying said base frame, said at least one support member being directly pivotally connected to a top front of said base frame and extending rearwardly beyond a top rear peripheral member of said base frame defining said open space;

a toilet seat overlying said open space and being fixedly secured to said at least one support member so that said toilet seat pivots relative to said base frame as said at least one support member pivots relative to said base frame; and

a pair of arm rests laterally flanking said toilet seat, wherein each of said arm rests is coupled at a rearward first point to said at least one support member and is pivotally connected at a forward second point to said base frame, and wherein each of said arm rests has a hand grip portion extending forwardly beyond said second point.

2. (Original) The lifting toilet chair according to Claim 1 further comprising:

means for yieldably biasing said at least one support member to pivot upwardly away from said base frame.

3. (Original) The lifting toilet chair according to Claim 2 wherein:

said base frame is formed of round tubing; and

said biasing means includes a helical spring surrounding the top front tubing of said base frame, said spring including

first and second straight ends with a first end contacting said at least one support member and a second end contacting said base frame.

4. (Original) The lifting toilet chair according to Claim 2 further comprising means for limiting the upward pivoting of said at least one support member away from said base frame to an angle of about forty-five (45) degrees to the horizontal.

5. (Original) The lifting toilet chair according to Claim 2 further comprising a latch selectively coupled between said toilet seat and said base frame for retaining said toilet seat in a lower orientation adjacent said base frame against the biasing force of said biasing means.

6. (Original) The lifting toilet chair according to Claim 1 wherein each of said arm rests includes:

a central portion having a front end and a back end with said hand grip portion being between said front and back ends;

a forward portion extending upwardly and forwardly to the central portion front end from the pivotal connection to said base frame; and

a rearward portion extending upwardly and forwardly to the central portion back end from the coupling to said at least one support member.

7. (Original) The lifting toilet chair according to Claim 6 wherein:

said pair of arm rests are joined by a joining member extending between the distal ends of the rearward portions of said pair of arm rests; and

said pair of arm rests and said joining member are all unitarily formed from a single length of tubing.

8. (Original) The lifting toilet chair according to Claim 1 wherein:

said base frame is formed of round tubing;

each of said at least one support member comprises a respective plate member; and

the pivotal connection of each of said at least one support member to said base frame is provided by a respective strip formed to at least partially encircle tubing of the top front of said base frame, said strip including at least one flat extension fixedly secured to a forward end of a respective plate member.

9. (Original) The lifting toilet chair according to Claim 8 wherein:

there are two parallel plate members each adjacent a respective lateral side of said open space;

each of said parallel plate members is formed with an elongated open slot extending in a front to back direction rearwardly beyond the top rear peripheral tubing of said base frame;

said pair of arm rests are joined by a joining member extending between the rearward ends of said pair of arm rests and below said parallel plate members;

said pair of arm rests and said joining member are all unitarily formed from a single length of tubing; and

the coupling of said pair of arm rests to said at least one support member is provided by a pair of rod members each secured at a first end to said joining member and extending through a

respective parallel plate member slot for sliding movement therealong.

10. (Amended) A lifting chair, comprising:

a base frame including an upstanding framework having a generally rectangular horizontal open space at its upper end defined by peripheral members;

at least one support member overlying said base frame, said at least one support member being directly pivotally connected to a top front of said base frame and extending rearwardly beyond a top rear peripheral member of said base frame defining said open space;

a seat overlying said open space and being fixedly secured to said at least one support member so that said seat pivots relative to said base frame as said at least one support member pivots relative to said base frame; and

a pair of arm rests laterally flanking said seat, wherein each of said arm rests is coupled at a rearward first point to said at least one support member and is pivotally connected at a forward second point to said base frame, and wherein each of said arm rests has a hand grip portion extending forwardly beyond said second point.